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| AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT | | | | 1. Contract ID Code N/A | | Page 1 of Pages 3 | |
| 2. Amendment/Modification No. A01 | | 3. Effective Date See block 16c. | | 4. Requisition/Purchase Req. No. | | 5. Project No. (if applicable) N/A | |
| 6. Issued By United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Commodity Procurement Staff 1400 Independence Ave SW STOP 0239 Washington, D.C. 20250-0239 | | | | 7. Administered By (If other than Item 6) See Block 6 | | | |
| 8. Name and Address of Contractor (No., Street, County, and Zip Code) | | | | (X) | | 9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. 2000003228 | |
| | | | | X | | 9B. Date (See Item 11) 03/6/2015 | |
| | | | | | | 10A. Modification of Contract/Order No. | |
| | | | | | | 10B. Date (See Item 13) | |
| Code | | Facility Code | | | | | |
| 11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS | | | | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified. | | | | | | | |
| 12. Accounting and Appropriation Data (if required) | | | | | | | |
| 13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14. | | | | | | | |
| (x) | | A. This change order is issued pursuant to: (Specify authority) The changes set forth in item 14 are made in the Contract Order No. in item 10A. | | | | | |
| | | B. The above numbered Contract/Order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) Set fourth item 14, pursuant to the authority of FAR 43.103 (b) | | | | | |
| | | C. This supplemental agreement is entered into pursuant to authority of: | | | | | |
| | | D. Other (Specify type of modification and authority) | | | | | |
| E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return copies to the issuing office. | | | | | | | |
| 14. Description of Amendment/Modification (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) | | | | | | | |
| <p>The purpose of this amendment is to distribute answers to questions received via email and during the conference call on Thursday March 12, 2015, and to adjust the quantities in the attached Excel file entitled "Part B – Schedule Oct 2015 – Dec 2015", as follows:</p> <p>1. The spreadsheet entitled "Part B – Schedule Oct 2015 – Dec 2015" is replaced with the spreadsheet attached in WBSCM entitled "Part B – Schedule Oct 2015 – Dec 2015 Amended" and attached to the WBSCM Solicitation. Changes are indicated in red. The original spreadsheet entitled "Schedule Oct 2015 – Dec 2015" has been removed from WBSCM.</p> | | | | | | | |
| 15A. Name and Title of Signer (Type or Print) | | | | 16A. Name and title of Contracting Officer (Type or Print) | | | |
| | | | | James D. Sprandel Contracting Officer | | | |
| 15B. Contractor/Offoror | | 15C. Date Signed | | 16B. United States of America | | 16C. Date Signed | |
| (Signature of person authorized to sign) | | | | (Signature of Contracting Officer) | | 03/13/15 | |
| NSN 7540-01-152-8070 | | | | 30-105 | | STANDARD FORM 30 (REV. 10-83) | |
| PREVIOUS EDITIONS UNUSABLE | | | | Prescribed by GSA FAR (48 CFR) 53.243 | | | |

2. Questions and Answers:

Q1. Can you define “shortfall” bid?

A1. “Master/Shortfall Invitation” is the title that WBSCM gives to the RFP overview document it issues.

Q2. Will there be an additional Summer/Fall bid?

A2. Yes, “Round 2” for canned and frozen IDIQ fruit will be solicited approximately the first week of May for January-September 2016 deliveries.

Q3. Will we get destinations or are we bidding clearly off historical (both quantity and locales)? Do we just quote pricing to the cities indicated?

A3. The price submitted for each State will apply to all delivery destinations within that State. The historical information in Exhibit 2 is provided only to indicate the ordering patterns in previous years in case this information will be useful to offerors in submitting their offers. Future ordering patterns may not be the same as historical ordering patterns. Actual destinations will be identified on each delivery order issued. Offers should be based on the estimated quantities identified in the spreadsheet attached in WBSCM entitled “Part B – The Schedule – Oct 2015 – Dec 2015 Amended”, which is the amount of product AMS anticipates ordering during the period of performance.

Q4. The Master /Shortfall invitation list a higher quantity than Exhibit #2 and Part B. What does this mean?

A4. The Master/Shortfall lists 1,467,288 cases. In order to allow the system to accept offers, WBSCM initially sets the quantity of each line item to one truckload. The 1,467,288 cases represent the amount WBSCM is using to initialize all the line items under this solicitation. This is not indicative of the actual case quantity AMS is soliciting. “Part B – The Schedule - Oct 2015 – Dec 2015 Amended” indicates the number of cases that are being solicited for each material. Exhibit 2 contains historical information that is provided only to indicate the ordering patterns in previous years in case this information will be useful to offerors in submitting their offers. Future ordering patterns may not be the same as historical ordering patterns.

Q5. Are we required to bid on each State or only the ones listed on Exhibit 2?

A5. See paragraph B.5 (page 6). Offerors are required to enter a price for each State. Also, note that under paragraph* B.4, offerors may enter constraints per delivery period. Entering constraints will be at the discretion of the offeror; If no constraints are entered, AMS will assume that there are no limits to vendor capacity.

Q6. Do we use exhibit #2 or Part B Schedule to estimate quantities?

A6. See answer A3.

Q7. If this bid isn’t awarded until April 27th, will the second Bid be issued prior to that or will it be after? Example: issued in April, award in May or issued in May, awarded in June?

A7. “Second Bid”, is assumed to mean the IDIQ solicitation for “Round 2” for fruit delivered between January 2016 - September 2016. AMS anticipates issuing another solicitation (“Round 2”) sometime in May 2016. The “Round 2” solicitation will not be issued prior to the award of the current solicitation (“Round 1”). The “Round 2” solicitation is anticipated to be awarded sometime in late June.

Q8. Why does the Period of Performance say Date of Award to 12/31/2015 on the SF1449?

A8. The contract period begins on the date of award, but the delivery period does not begin until October 1, 2015. All delivery orders should be received by AMS recipients by 12/31/15.

Q9. If our company has performed on at least 3 AMS contracts, do we have to submit separate Past Performance information with our proposal?

A9. No. Only vendors with fewer than 3 previous AMS contracts are required to submit Past Performance information with their proposal.

Note: If you have performed previous contracts with AMS, please provide contract numbers.

Q10. Do I have to bid on all the States, or just the ones I want to deliver to? Even the offshores?

A10: AMS requires a price to each State within the contiguous 48 States. No price needs to be entered for offshores. Delivery to the contiguous 48 States includes delivery to the ports for offshore destinations.

Q11. On the Historical Data, not all of the States are represented, but you are requiring a bid to all States, why?

A11. The Historical Data indicates the ordering patterns in previous years in case this information will be useful to offerors in submitting their offers. Future ordering patterns may not be the same as historical ordering patterns. Since the exact delivery destinations for all orders is unknown at this time and recipient needs are always changing, AMS needs the flexibility to send product to any State within the contiguous States. so in the event a State that is not currently on the Historical Data spreadsheet wants a load of product, we need to have prices to that State.

Q12. So for States not on the Historical Data you want me to propose a price to a State without any idea where in the State that might go?

A12. Yes, prices must be supplied for delivery to any destination within the State.

